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SUBJ: ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS URUGUAY

1. SUMMARY. ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER GUZZETTI MADE A 24 HOUR VISIT TO URUGUAY AUGUST 23-24, WHERE HE MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BLANCO, AND PAID A COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT DEMICHELI. THE VISIT APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN ARRANGED TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTERS TO REVIEW THE STATE OF ARGENTINE-URUGUAYAN RELATIONS AND TO DISCUSS MULTILATERAL ISSUES. A JOINT DECLARATION WAS ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT. END SUMMARY.

2. ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER RADM CESAR GUZZETTI VISITED URUGUAY AUGUST 23-24 WHERE HE CONFERRED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BLANCO. EXTENSIVE WORKING MEETINGS OF UP TO FIVE HOURS DURATION WERE REPORTEDLY HELD. THE VISIT FOLLOWED AN EARLIER ONE THIS MONTH BY ADMIRAL MASSERA, ARGENTINE NAVY CINC AND MEMBER OF THE RULING JUNTA. THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS REPORTEDLY CONFERRED ON A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

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A JOINT COMMUNIQUE OUTLINING THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED, WAS ISSUED,

BUT NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE MEETINGS WAS RELEASED NOR IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY.

3. THE JOINT DECLARATION EXPRESSED GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF BI-NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS SUCH AS SALTO GRANDE AND THE CONSTITUTION OF MIXED COMMISSIONS UNDER THE TREATY OF THE RIO DE LA PLATA. THE DECLARATION ADDED THAT THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER ADVISED THE GOV OF RECENTLY ADOPTED DECISIONS TO RESOLVE IMPLEMENTATION PROBLEMS OF THE URUGUAY-ARGENTINE RECIPROCAL TRADE AGREEMENT

THE DECLARATION ALSO INDICATED THAT THE GOVERNMENTS WOULD SIGN A SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND NOTED THE INCREASE OF SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELD OF THE PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. URUGUAY ONCE AGAIN SUPPORTED ARGENTINE RIGHTS OVER THE MALVINAS (FALKLAND) ISLANDS. THE COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT THE MINISTERS REVIEWED THE STATE OF HEMISPHERE AND WORLD AFFAIRS AND CAREFULLY EXAMINED PROGRESS IN THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, NOTING WITH SATISFACTION A SIMILARITY OF POINTS OF VIEW ON THE DIFFERENT ITEMS FACED.

4. THE PRESIDENTS OF THE TWO NATIONS ARE ALSO SCHEDULED TO MEET SEPTEMBER 18 TO INAUGURATE THE SECOND BRIDGE OVER THE RIO URUGUAY AT FRAY BENTOS-PUERTO UNZUE. SIRACUSA

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